SHRi VASANT SATHE: Sir, we will consider -suggestions of the hon. Member.

SHR[JAGESH DESAI: Sir, may I know from the Minister whether the Government have received any complaints with regard to illegal mining of coal? If this kind of activities are carried on we are al] equally concerned. After receiving complaints by the Ministry of Energy, I would like to know whether these have beeₙ forwarded to the concerned State Governments. If so, what action they have takeₙ °n these complaints?

SHRI VASANT SATHE: Sir, some complaints were r-eceived and we have brought it t₀ the notice of the concerned State Government and they are enquiring into those matters.

श्री राम चन्द्र विकल : सभापति महोदय, मैं मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहता हूं कि जो मौतें इन दो वर्षों के अंदर हुई है उसके बारे में वे क्या कोई जांच बिठायेंगे कि वे मौतें किस जगह पर हुई हैं, वैध जगह पर हुई हैं या अवैध जगह पर हुई हैं? क्या मंत्री जी इस प्रकार की कोई जांच बिठाने को तैयार हैं ताकि इस बारे में लोगों के मन में जो शंकाएं हैं वे दूर हो सकें?

श्री वसन्त साठे : इसकी जांच हो रही है। दो-तीन जगहों पर जो दो-तीन लोगों की मृत्यु हुई हैं इसकी जांच राज्य सरकार के मातहत है।

श्री रामचन्द्र विकल : वैध जगह पर हुई हैं या अवैध जगह पर?

श्री वसन्त साठे : कुछ अवैध जगह पर भी हुई हैं और उनकी जांच हो रही है।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next Question.

*251. *[The questioner (Shri Parvathv-Upendra) was absent. For answer* vide *cols.* 31—36 infra.]

*252. *[The questioner (Shri Sunil Ktt-nuir PattncAk) was absent. For answer,* vide *cots.* infra.]

Loan assistance by West Germaa financial! institution

T*253. SHRI BIP BHADRA PRATAP SINGH; Will the 'mster ₀f ENERGY be pleased to states—

(a) whether Government h'avₑ received furt'ner loan assistance during the. yᵉᵃᶠ for its various mining projects' from the KFW—a Government of West Germany financial institution;-

(b) if so, the total amount ₀f increased loan to be rectlved under the latest programme of loan assistance; and

(c) what steps are being taken *o ensure that the foreign exchange under suck schemes of loan assistance is not misused by any undertaking?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) and (b) During 1986-87 and (this year, KFW assistance was received only for the projects of Nevveli Lignite Corpo ration. In January 1987, Government of India signed a :eement for DM_ 180f million with KFW for the'NLC pro-' jects. This yeaᵣ (1987-88) KFW has. agreed to reserve another DM 110 million for NLC's projects. Loan Agreement covering this amount of DM 110 million and an additional amount of DM 110 million committed in 1986-87 is expected to be concluded this year. '

(c)The loan is utilised in accordance with the rules of the Government and.tke -

@Previously Starred Question 233, transferred from the 30th April, 1987.

conditions laid down bj KFW. There ha-teen no occasion °f misused of loan as tancc by NLC.

SHRI B1R BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Sir, I have been writing to the Minister •and he has been responding to me time gain. Two notorious concerns—MAN and WM[both have been disqualified even by the consultants M/s. Rheinbraun afld KFW *wh0 have* been financing us. The HOWS that :ei excava which'were supplied by MAN, o.ne of de project is worth of Rs. 21 crores. Now there may be a. dispute about othej So far as the •claim by NLC *(mm-wmmiti* about Rs. 1.59 crores for rehabilitation was concerned, iio dispute. May I know from the 'aim by NLC hy did you give them fur ther Rs. S crores with 10 per cent ad- also know from the Minister wh*,: . ducted the rehabilitation claii. ready demanded ' by Nlfc because of being called human failure? I want to know whether you have deducted this about. If not. why have yon further entered int0 an agreement with that firm wh i'ound faulting on thSat account?

SHRf VASAN happens when some parties link up some previous things with a future-arrangement. Sir, with KFW *we* arrangement all that they have done is to give Us assistance for setting up a project. Now. in previous projects something wrong had happened with regard to bucketwheel excavators or some damage has taken places. The recovery is the separate aspect. It is not from KFW. The question relates to loan from KFW. I am sorry to say that the hon. Member is still obsessed with the earlier question that he has in his mind.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Second supplemen-. tary.

SHRI B1R BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Mr. Chairman, Sir. I am definite about mj mind with regard to WMI. May I . draw the attention of the hon. Minister to Q. No. 869 dt. 30-4-1987 *(Interruptions)* about WMI? The Indian collaborator— MAN has not supplied cranes *to* Pa;adip port and Kandla port. fhese facts were brought to the notice of major ports and also poor performance by WMI. Vou know that MAN operates in India through. WMI. They 'are failing in al] the Minis-"

They are failing in your Ministry also.

only this. There is a further Rs. 100 re project. In spite of all these failings, still Hi are being given to ihem. Why do you deal .with them at all when the firm is failing on all grounds? i he technical consultants have declared ihem unfit for the job. Yet. why do you this Rs. 100 oject to them?

SHRI V AS ANT SATHE: Sir, do you me to answer this question?

MR. CHAIRMAN: I want you to answer this part of the < that the lies have been failing and the performance of this company has not been satisfactory; why do you still continue to give the contracts to tfcat company?

SHRI. VASANT'SATH' far aa KFW is concerned as KFW assistance is concerned, the condition is that orders have t0 be placed on German firms, German parties. And now two German parlies have come. We have 'a consultant and we take their assistance. Whatever they ultimately approve we select that. As far as equipment that we have secured In N'eyveli is concerned—I am not concerned with other 'areas—we find that it is working satisfactorily and we ,will keep the interests of Neyveti and of the country always uppermost. T do ,not want to take sides of any particular party in this matter.

*254. *[lib. questioner (Shri S. S. Ahtuwalia) was absent. For answer* vide *cols.* 41-42 infra)

Banning of dangerous fire works

*255. SHRI K. G. MAHESWARAPPA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that studies conducted over the past four years